



WELCOME TO INDIANA COURTS

THE COURT, INCLUDING THE JUDGE, THE CLERK, AND ALL COURT STAFF, MUST REMAIN IMPARTIAL. THEY DO NOT TAKE SIDES IN ANY MATTER COMING BEFORE THE COURT. THEY WILL GIVE THE SAME SORTS OF INFORMATION TO PERSONS ON BOTH SIDES OF A CASE.

CAN PROVIDE	CANNOT PROVIDE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* We can provide you with a telephone number of local lawyer referral services.* We can explain and answer questions about how the court works.* We can provide you general information about court rules, procedures and practices.* We can provide you information from your case file.* We can provide a copy of the small claims manual and court forms that are available and instructions on how to complete them.* We can review your papers for completeness by checking for signatures, notarization, correct county name, and correct case number.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* We cannot provide legal advice or legal interpretations. Only a lawyer can give you legal advice.* We cannot advise you whether or not you should bring your case to court or give you an opinion about what will happen if you bring your case to court.* We cannot advise you what to say in court.* We cannot let you talk to the judge outside court or talk to the judge for you about what will happen in your case.* We cannot fill out a form for you or tell you what words to use in your court papers.* We cannot sign an order or change an order signed by the judge.

REMEMBER: The Court and court staff do not know the answers to all questions about court rules, procedures and practices. They have been instructed not to answer questions if they do not know the correct answer. Information you provide to staff is not confidential.

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